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STATEMENT ON LEBANON

REFERENCE: BREMEN 410 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL CONVEYS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY
THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE EVENING OF JULY 6
EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON.

2. IN HIS READ-OUT TODAY ON POLITICAL COOPERATION,
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FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL
COOPERATION STABREIT INDICATED THAT THIS STATEMENT HAD
NOT BEEN FORESEEN PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS' MEETING IN BREMEN. HOWEVER, WHEN THEY CAME
TOGETHER, THEIR COMMON CONCERN REGARDING THE DETERIO-
RATING SITUATION IN LEBANON BECAME APPARENT. ON THEIR
OWN INITIATIVE, THEY DECIDED TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT.

A FLURRY OF TELEPHONE CALLS TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN INTERESTED CAPITALS ENSUED AND THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE SET TO WORK DRAFTING A STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO STABREIT, THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE STATEMENT CONTAINED A DIRECT MENTION OF UNIFIL. THE MINISTERS, HOWEVER, EXCISED THE REFERENCE, BELIEVING IT BEST TO CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BEIRUT.

3. AT THE CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 7, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, REPRESENTING THE PRESIDENCY, ISSUED

THE FOLLOWING ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON:

BEGIN TEXT: IN VIEW OF THE MOST RECENT, EXTREMELY DISTURBING DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON, THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DISCUSSED THIS URGENT PROBLEM AND YESTERDAY EVENING THE PRESIDENCY ISSUED ON THEIR BEHALF A DECLARATION CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE NINE GOVERNMENTS. YOU WILL ALREADY BE ACQUAINTED WITH THIS DECLARATION. THE GERMAN AMBASSADORS IN BEIRUT, AMMAN, DAMASCUS, CAIRO AND TEL AVIV WERE AT THE SAME TIME INSTRUCTED, AS THE PRESIDENCY'S REPRESENTATIVES, TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENTS IN THOSE CAPITALS AND THE ARAB LEAGUE OF THAT DECLARATION. THE
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GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT HAS ALREADY HAD AN INTERVIEW ON THE SUBJECT TODAY WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS, WHO GREATLY WELCOMED THE POSITION OF THE NINE. END TEXT.
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